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AN ACT CONCERNING PENSION AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES SERVING IN THE MILITARY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective from passage) Notwithstanding any 2 provision of the general statutes or any public or special act, no state employee who is a member of the armed forces of any state or of any 4 reserve component of the armed forces of the United States and who 5 has been called to active service in the armed forces of any state or the 6 United States for (1) Operation Enduring Freedom, (2) Operation 7 Noble Eagle, (3) a related emergency operation or a military operation 8 whose mission was substantially changed as a result of the attacks of 9 September 11, 2001, or (4) federal action or state action authorized by 10 the Governor in support of the federal Department of Homeland 11 Security's Operation Liberty Shield, military operations that are 12 authorized by the President of the United States that entail military 13 action against Iraq, or federal action or state action authorized by the 14 Governor to combat terrorism within the United States, may be denied 15 any right or benefit granted to such employee under the Uniformed

Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, 38 USC Chapter

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17 43, as amended from time to time, by any state agency.

Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 5-259d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(c) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any public or special act, any state employee who is a member of the armed forces of any state or of any reserve component of the armed forces of the United States and who has been called to active service in the armed forces of any state or the United States for [(1)] (A) Operation Enduring Freedom, [(2)] (B) Operation Noble Eagle, [(3)] (C) a related emergency operation or a military operation whose mission was substantially changed as a result of the attacks of September 11, 2001, or [(4)] (D) federal action or state action authorized by the Governor in support of the federal Department of Homeland Security's Operation Liberty Shield, military operations that are authorized by the President of the United States that entail military action against Iraq, or federal action or state action authorized by the Governor to combat terrorism within the United States, shall be entitled to a leave of absence with pay as provided in section 27-33 from the date on which the employee was called to active service. After the expiration of such leave of absence with pay, the state employee shall receive part pay for the duration of such call-up to active service if the compensation received by the state employee for such active service is less than the employee's base rate of pay, plus longevity, in the employee's primary position. The state employee shall not be required to exhaust accrued vacation or sick time in order to be eligible for the paid leave of absence and part pay under this [subsection] subdivision.

(2) In addition to the paid leave of absence provided under subdivision (1) of this subsection, the state employee shall be entitled to a paid leave of absence for the two-week period beginning on the date the employee returns to the state from the call-up to active service. The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall adopt

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49 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, as

50 necessary to establish guidelines concerning compliance with the

51 provisions of this subdivision.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	from passage	New section
Sec. 2	from passage	5-259d(c)

LAB Joint Favorable

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